

DELEGATE FOX: Of course there is no definition of what a special law is. Minnesota and some other states use special law to mean a local law. Some states talk about a private law and a local law, and a special law is a general classification that includes them both.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher's statement of yesterday in the course of his presentation I thought was based upon the decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals and indicated that a special law was neither a general nor a local law, but as its name implied, a local law, as for instance a law for the relief of an individual citizen. Delegate Fox.

DELEGATE FOX: That in some jurisdictions is referred to as a private law.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is true, that would be a private law. Delegate Fox.

DELEGATE FOX: The point I want to make is that I do not see any necessity for this section in this article at all or else there is no necessity for the local government provisions that have been put in. We only need one of them. By having both of them, I am afraid we are causing confusion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Your comment, however, is not directed to the amendment particularly, as I take it?

DELEGATE FOX: Unfortunately, no, it is directed to the whole section which is what should be deleted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The question arises on the adoption of the Amendment No. 25 to Committee Recommendation LB-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 25. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Ring the quorum bell, please. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 107 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

Are there any further amendments to section 3.17a? The Chair hears none.

There is, I think, an amendment to section 3.17b.

Delegate Grant, do you still desire to offer your Amendment H?

*(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE GRANT: Yes, I do. It is not to section 3.17b. It is to another section.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are quite correct. Is there any amendment to section 3.17b? The Chair hears none.

Will the pages please distribute the Amendment H. This will be Amendment No. 26. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 26 to Committee Recommendation LB-2 by Delegate Grant: following line 47 of section 3.17b, Effective Date of Laws add the following new section:

"Section 3. . . . *Compilation of Laws*

The General Assembly shall provide by law for the establishment of a uniform system of compilation of any statute, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, proclamation, or any other action by any unit of government having the force of law and for their publication. Unless otherwise provided by law, no action having the force of law shall be effective until it shall have been made a part of such compilation and published."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is offered by Delegate Grant. Does any delegate second it?

Delegate Gleason seconds the amendment.

Does everyone have a copy of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair recognizes Delegate Grant to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE GRANT: Mr. Chairman, this amendment involves something that is omitted in the present Constitution and it will become of greater importance in the future constitution. First of all, we are now in Maryland breaking completely new ground in legislation. We are doing something that has never been done by any legislature any place, that is, we are taking the law-making power of the General Assembly and disbursing it among other law-making bodies. This process did not start